

# Kinds of Sentences

Teaching

A **declarative sentence** expresses a statement. It ends with a period.

A successful inventor must use both knowledge and creativity.

An **interrogative sentence** asks a question. It ends with a question mark.

Who invented the telephone?

An **imperative sentence** tells or asks someone to do something. It usually ends with a period but may end with an exclamation point.

Name the inventor of the telegraph. Answer the question and win \$1,000!

An **exclamatory sentence** shows strong feeling. It always ends with an exclamation point.

I'm so glad someone invented the computer!

## Identifying Kinds of Sentences

On the line, identify each sentence below by writing **D** for declarative, **INT** for interrogative, **IMP** for imperative, or **E** for exclamatory. Add the proper punctuation mark at the end of each sentence.

1. Alexander Graham Bell was an American inventor \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did you know he invented the telephone in 1876 \_\_\_\_\_
3. What a useful invention that was \_\_\_\_\_
4. Try to name another American inventor \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you ever heard of Garrett A. Morgan \_\_\_\_\_
6. He was the inventor of the traffic light \_\_\_\_\_
7. Imagine the traffic problems we'd have without it \_\_\_\_\_
8. Matthias Baldwin built a locomotive called *Old Ironsides* \_\_\_\_\_
9. Find out what else Baldwin invented \_\_\_\_\_
10. William Seward Burroughs developed the first recording adding machine \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you enjoy photography \_\_\_\_\_
12. Be thankful that George Eastman invented the film for your camera \_\_\_\_\_
13. How easy it is to take pictures today \_\_\_\_\_
14. Think of an invention that could make life easier \_\_\_\_\_
15. Would you like to be an inventor someday \_\_\_\_\_

**Lesson  
6****Kinds of Sentences****More Practice****Using Different Kinds of Sentences**

Add the correct end punctuation to each of these sentences. Then rewrite the sentences according to the instructions in parentheses. You may have to add or delete words and change word order.

**EXAMPLE** Did Thomas Edison make the first light bulb?  
(Change to a declarative sentence.)  
*Thomas Edison made the first light bulb.*

1. How useful the invention of the light bulb was  
(Change to a declarative sentence.)

2. Thomas Edison was born in 1847  
(Change to an interrogative sentence.)

3. Will you tell me what Edison's first job was  
(Change to an imperative sentence.)

4. Edison was a creative thinker  
(Change to an exclamatory sentence.)

5. What a tremendous effect Edison's inventions have had on the world  
(Change to a declarative sentence.)

6. Was Edison the inventor of the phonograph too  
(Change to a declarative sentence.)

7. Edison's laboratory was in New Jersey  
(Change to an interrogative sentence.)

# Kinds of Sentences

*Application*

## A. Writing Different Kinds of Sentences

Suppose you could meet one of the great inventors, such as Thomas Edison. Write what you might say in that situation. Use at least one of each kind of sentence: declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory. Use correct punctuation at the end of each sentence.

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## B. Writing Different Kinds of Sentences in a Diary

Choose a character in a book you have read or a movie you have seen. Pretend to be that character, and write a diary entry for one day in that character's life. Use at least one of each kind of sentence: declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory. Use the correct punctuation at the end of each sentence.

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